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### **Tymniak Disappointed at Delaying Tactics on Campaign Finance Reform**



State Rep. Cathy C. Tymniak, R-133<sup>rd</sup>, Fairfield, Westport, expressed her disappointment at the state legislature's delay in acting on campaign finance reform.

Rep. Tymniak noted that majority Democrats yesterday adjourned a special session called by Gov. M. Jodi Rell, refused to consider the governor's campaign reform proposals, and called another special session later in the month on a variety of topics.

"Task forces have worked all summer, proposals are on the table to limit big money in political campaigns, and we can adopt new laws immediately," said Rep. Tymniak. "Instead, some legislative leaders want to delay voting on real reforms."

"We ought to either debate the governor's bill or come up with another one," said Rep. Tymniak. "These latest tactics demonstrate a resistance to doing anything. The governor called a special session on campaign finance reform, and the majority leadership that would not act in the regular session and is now delaying action in the special session."

Rep. Tymniak said she still opposes using taxpayer funds for political campaigns, but is hopeful that major reform can be addressed regarding special interest money, political ad books, and lobbyist contributions. She noted that 77 percent of voters who responded to her 2005 survey opposed taxpayer funding of campaigns.

Rep. Tymniak said, "Under public financing, a competitive race for a single open Senate seat could cost taxpayers up to half a million dollars, far more than candidates spend now."

Rep. Tymniak serves the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District of Fairfield and Westport in the state House of Representatives.